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RISING RATES

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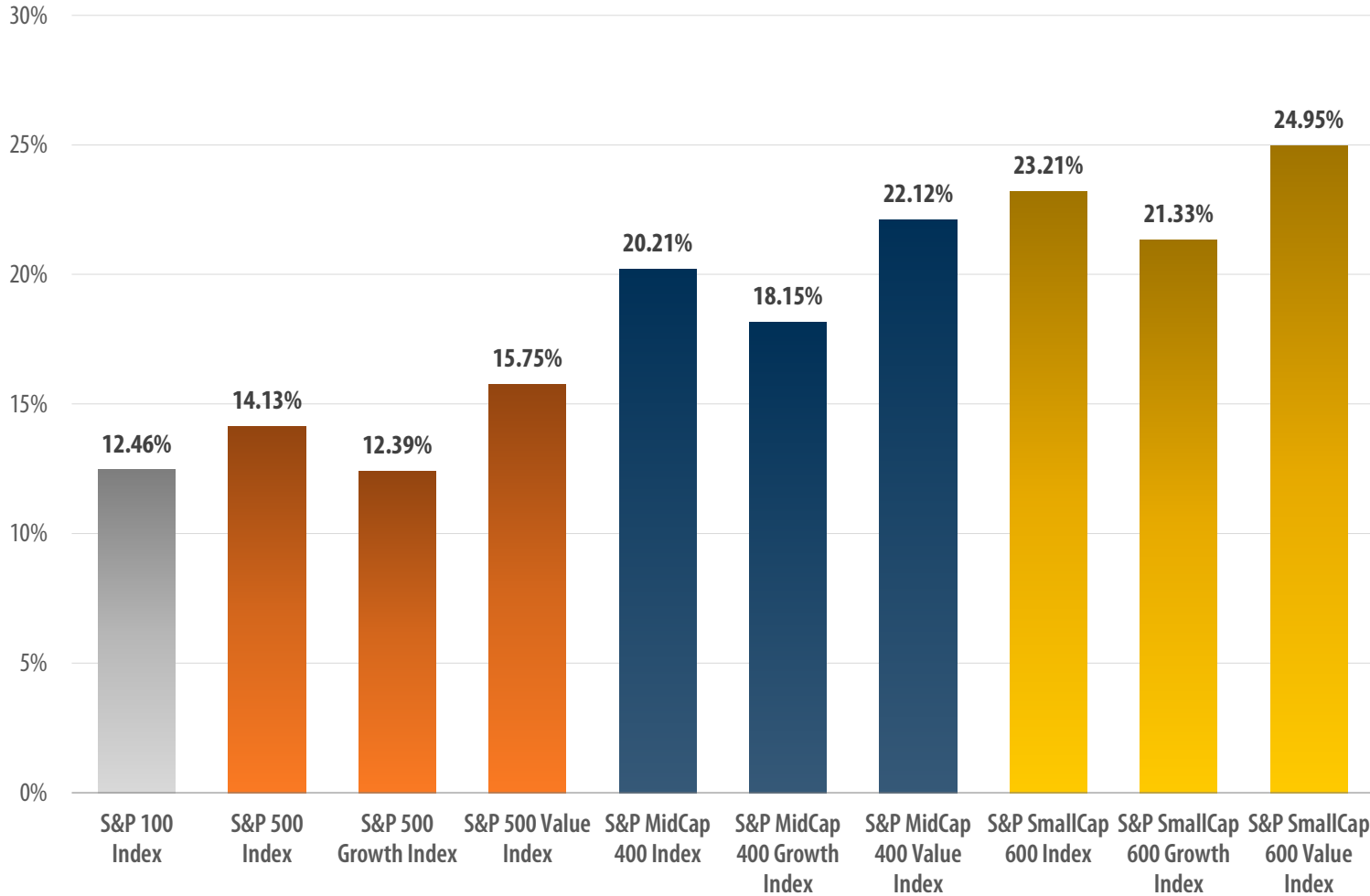
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Many investors wonder how a rise in interest rates might impact U.S. stocks and various asset class returns. Since January 20, 2000, there have been 13 periods where the yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury Note rose by 1% or more without falling by 0.5%. The following charts and tables consider those periods of rising rates and can help provide some historical perspective.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN DURING RISING RATE PERIODS

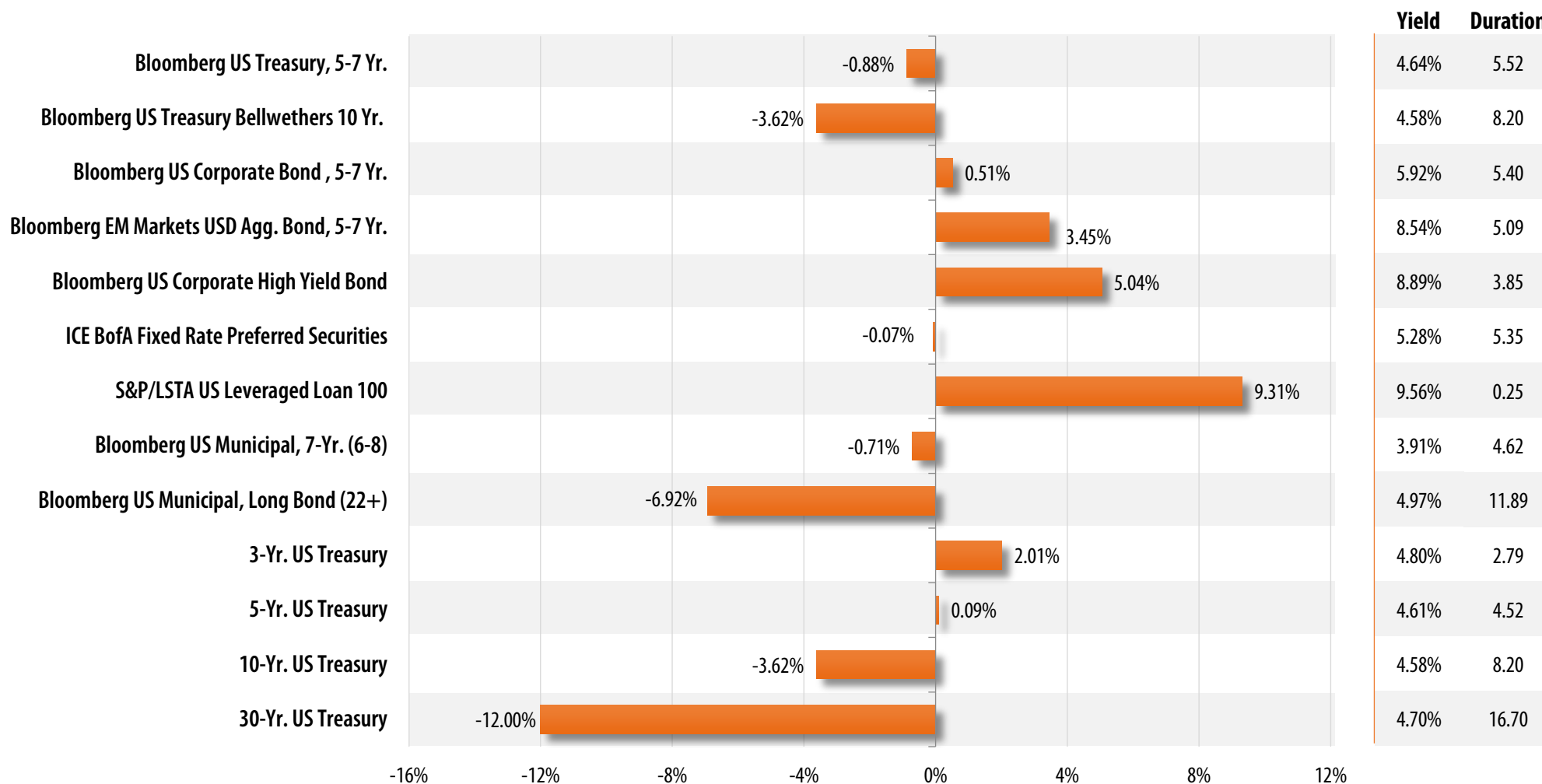
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Rising Rate Period	Change In Rates
11/7/01 – 4/1/02	1.25%
6/10/03 – 9/2/03	1.41%
3/8/04 – 6/14/04	1.10%
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8/31/10 – 2/8/11	1.27%
7/24/12 – 12/31/13	1.64%
7/5/16 – 3/13/17	1.25%
9/5/17 – 11/8/18	1.18%
8/4/20 – 3/31/21	1.23%
8/2/21 – 6/14/22	2.30%
7/28/22 – 10/24/22	1.57%
4/5/23 – 9/27/23	1.30%

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HYPOTHETICAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR 1-YEAR PERIOD



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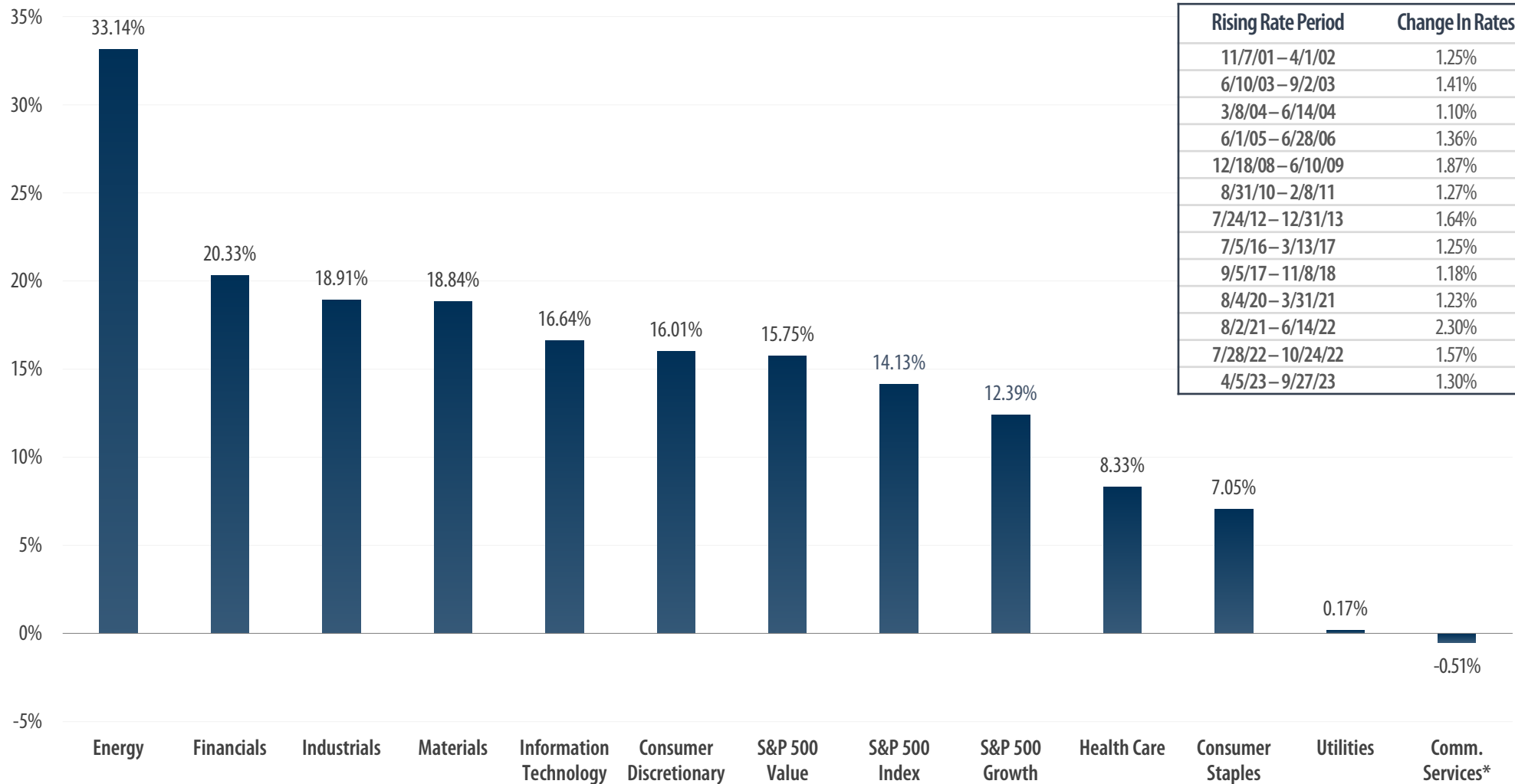
HISTORICAL IMPACT OF RISING RATES ON U.S. EQUITY SECTORS

Rising Rate Period	Change In Rates	Consumer Staples	Utilities	Comm. Services*	Health Care	Information Technology	Financials	Industrials	Energy	Materials	Consumer Discretionary	S&P 500 Growth	S&P 500 Value	S&P 500 Index
11/7/01 – 4/1/02	1.25%	8.78%	0.90%	-14.47%	0.25%	-3.42%	5.58%	5.17%	11.78%	14.12%	9.99%	2.31%	4.15%	3.32%
6/10/03 – 9/2/03	1.41%	1.73%	-2.32%	-3.04%	-2.51%	11.91%	3.00%	7.00%	1.05%	11.19%	7.81%	4.34%	4.02%	4.18%
3/8/04 – 6/14/04	1.10%	0.50%	-4.19%	-5.44%	-1.74%	-0.10%	-5.45%	3.73%	0.94%	-4.45%	-1.08%	-0.24%	-2.65%	-1.47%
6/1/05 – 6/28/06	1.36%	4.26%	9.15%	11.54%	-4.00%	-3.64%	10.99%	9.06%	26.36%	12.12%	-0.20%	0.73%	10.97%	5.72%
12/18/08 – 6/10/09	1.87%	0.46%	-2.76%	-3.64%	-1.80%	26.95%	1.23%	4.54%	10.33%	21.62%	12.96%	12.49%	2.38%	7.56%
8/31/10 – 2/8/11	1.27%	12.70%	6.34%	14.94%	16.15%	33.91%	26.02%	34.22%	44.92%	33.09%	30.07%	27.86%	26.76%	27.28%
7/24/12 – 12/31/13	1.64%	29.03%	9.08%	14.08%	52.77%	32.90%	58.26%	55.70%	33.12%	39.37%	60.20%	39.76%	46.13%	42.60%
7/5/16 – 3/13/17	1.25%	1.54%	-1.55%	-4.08%	6.25%	28.15%	37.84%	18.03%	3.12%	16.38%	12.52%	13.97%	16.56%	15.36%
9/5/17 – 11/8/18	1.18%	6.48%	4.17%	3.58%	17.81%	25.99%	15.53%	8.95%	11.85%	4.20%	25.96%	21.15%	12.17%	16.78%
8/4/20 – 3/31/21	1.23%	9.79%	7.95%	25.10%	11.32%	17.66%	44.05%	37.98%	37.62%	31.24%	17.28%	16.56%	27.19%	21.46%
8/2/21 – 6/14/22	2.30%	-0.16%	2.05%	-32.44%	-7.91%	-17.43%	-13.25%	-13.40%	78.69%	-4.94%	-25.16%	-21.15%	-5.94%	-13.73%
7/28/22 – 10/24/22	1.57%	-5.55%	-12.37%	-10.47%	-2.55%	-10.88%	-1.34%	-3.67%	18.35%	-6.24%	-7.87%	-8.94%	-3.87%	-6.37%
4/5/23 – 9/27/23	1.30%	-6.35%	-11.86%	15.28%	-2.28%	11.40%	5.22%	4.63%	8.49%	-1.45%	10.78%	7.44%	2.83%	5.30%

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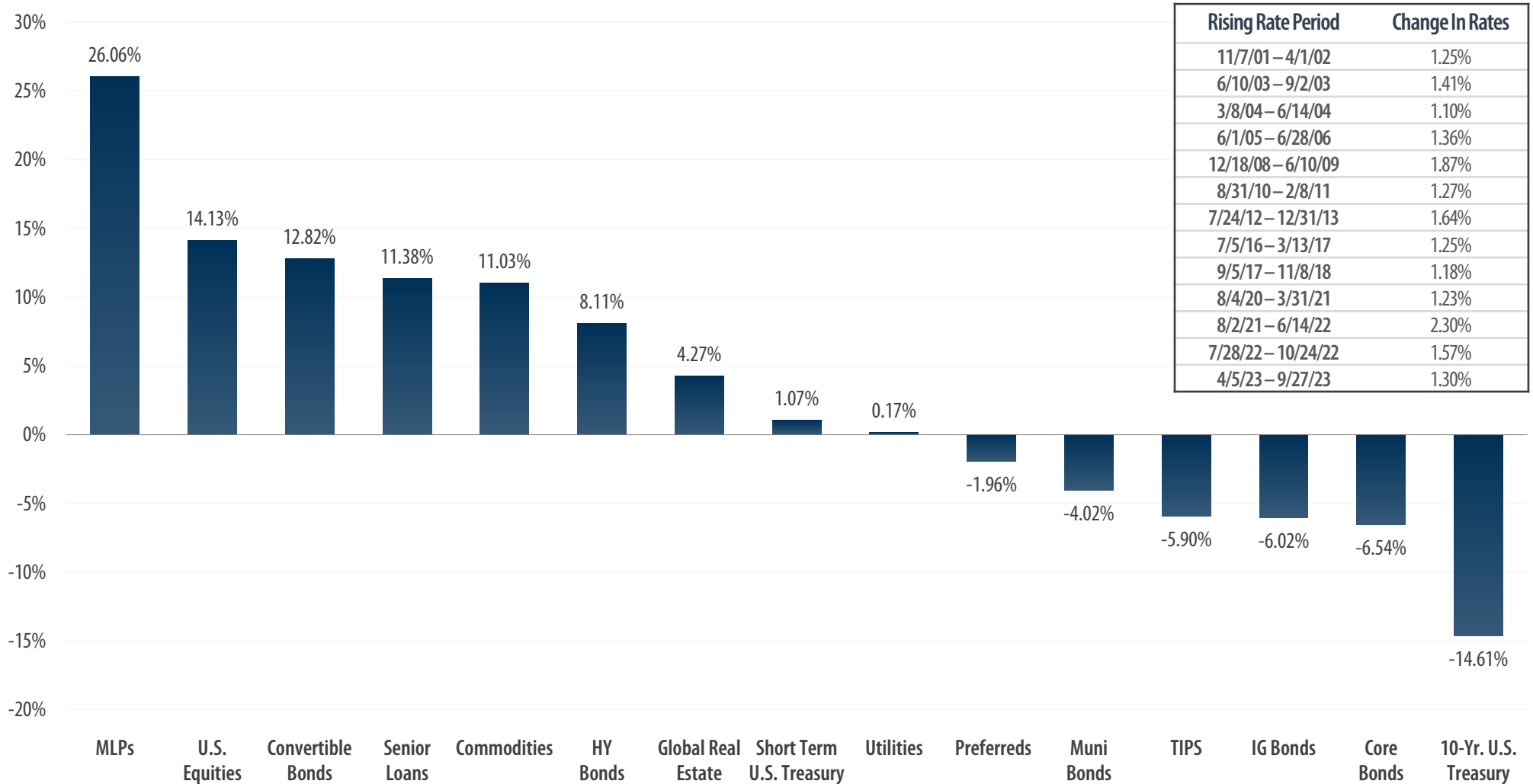
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HISTORICAL IMPACT OF RISING RATES ON VARIOUS ASSET CLASSES

Rising Rate Period	Change In Rates	U.S. Equities	Utilities	Commodities	Global Real Estate	MLPs	Convertible Bonds	Preferreds	IG Bonds	HY Bonds	Senior Loans	Core Bonds	Muni Bonds	Short Term U.S. Treas.	10-Yr. U.S. Treas.	TIPS
11/7/01 – 4/1/02	1.25%	3.32%	0.90%	14.75%	6.63%	N/A	2.00%	0.61%	-2.65%	N/A	N/A	-2.44%	-1.55%	0.63%	-7.48%	-2.68%
6/10/03 – 9/2/03	1.41%	4.18%	-2.32%	-1.24%	9.07%	N/A	1.75%	-1.44%	-5.34%	1.60%	N/A	-4.20%	-4.09%	0.15%	-9.53%	-5.97%
3/8/04 – 6/14/04	1.10%	-1.47%	-4.19%	0.91%	-5.48%	N/A	-3.19%	-4.95%	-4.96%	-2.06%	N/A	-4.03%	-4.49%	0.03%	-7.14%	-4.56%
6/1/05 – 6/28/06	1.36%	5.72%	9.15%	14.17%	25.54%	N/A	8.87%	0.99%	-2.53%	5.01%	N/A	-1.28%	1.02%	3.73%	-6.53%	-3.22%
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8/31/10 – 2/8/11	1.27%	27.28%	6.34%	24.59%	20.97%	19.61%	18.48%	2.89%	-1.93%	9.12%	7.20%	-2.36%	-5.54%	0.12%	-8.65%	-1.62%
7/24/12 – 12/31/13	1.64%	42.60%	9.08%	-11.42%	15.36%	28.57%	36.37%	-1.21%	0.95%	14.66%	9.42%	-1.71%	-1.21%	0.27%	-9.35%	-7.71%
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8/2/21 – 6/14/22	2.30%	-13.73%	2.05%	35.19%	-17.72%	21.74%	-20.28%	-14.71%	-16.97%	-11.87%	-1.08%	-13.77%	-10.41%	-0.51%	-16.99%	-8.01%
7/28/22 – 10/24/22	1.57%	-6.37%	-12.37%	-6.51%	-20.46%	4.52%	-3.52%	-8.77%	-9.76%	-4.55%	0.07%	-9.36%	-6.40%	0.17%	-11.80%	-8.03%
4/5/23 – 9/27/23	1.30%	5.30%	-11.86%	1.75%	-6.95%	13.87%	2.71%	0.08%	-3.99%	1.96%	6.37%	-5.35%	-4.51%	2.11%	-8.61%	-4.96%

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